Hello members of the Heritage ISD School Board. My name is Charlotte Webb and I am here to show you how school librarians have the keys to impact student achievement. Do you wonder how Heritage ISD is preparing its students to meet college and career readiness standards and succeed on the state-mandated testing? School librarians are your answer!

They play a key role as instructional partners educating students in media literacy and technology to prepare them for the 21st century workforce. They work collaboratively with teachers to co-plan, co-teach, and co-assess exciting and creative lessons that use inquiry learning, target STAAR readiness skills, and use Web tools that engage students. These collaborations have the added benefit of job-embedded professional development! Studies conducted by Keith Curry Lance have shown that as the librarian collaborations with teachers increased and as the librarians’ instructional role increased, the higher students scored on reading tests.  
  
School librarians have the key of leadership. They lead as trainers of technology and media literacy for staff. They are leaders on campus reading initiatives to increase student success in reading. They promote a passion for reading throughout the school community through exciting literacy projects that ignite student motivation to read and promotes life-long learning.  
  
Lastly, I ask you to consider research studies that have shown that the best predictor of student achievement is related to the size of the library program, its collection, and the presence of highly qualified staff. We invite you to visit with school librarians and ask them to show you how they can open the doors for everyone at Heritage ISD!